



(1) King County Solid Waste Division

### Welcome Green Teams!

READ on if....

Your school is receiving the assembly program "The Wiz Kids At Home" and workshops,

Your school already has a Green Team in action that is gearing up for another year of garbage reducing activities, OR

You're interested in starting a NEW Green Team! (And if that's the case, check out the back of this newsletter to see how!)



#### We want to WELCOME

you all to the BIG Green Team! This includes elementary school students from all over King County, teachers, parents, girlscouts, boyscouts, environmental clubs, and all sorts of folks who want to cut down on garbage!



Each Green Team does different activites that are appropriate to where they live or will improve their new or existing waste reduction and recycling program. Green Teams work to make less

garbage in their classroom, home, or communities. We encourage you 'Green Teamers' out there to do all you can to share what you know about waste reduction, and have fun! Let's get STARTED!

# **Upcoming Events**

#### Use Less Stuff Contest!

To celebrate the Third Annual ULS (Use Less Stuff) Day on November 20th, 1997, the ULS Report, the Environmental Protection Agency, and over one hundred other ULS Day



participants are sponsoring a Use Less Stuff Contest for children aged 6-12. The contest will kick off with a call on schools to declare ULS Day a Waste-Free Lunch Day.

The contest challenges students to think of innovative ways to reduce waste. Prizes are a new bicycle for the grand prize winner and in-line skates for the finalists. For more information, contact René Alexander at (206) 583-0655 or email ralexander@triangleassociates.com. Entry forms must be received by February 1, 1998.

(Note: Teachers and students can also download contest information, background and entry form from the ULS Report's website, http://www.cygnus-group.com).

## Nature Programs

The King County Park System offers a variety of nature programs including a wetlands workshop for



teachers scheduled for February. For more information on Parks programs, call Chuck Lennox at (206) 296-4191 or visit http:// www.metrokc.gov/parks.

## Bus Shelter Mural Program

Metro's Bus Shelter Program makes available, free of charge, all of the primed panels and paint necessary to paint a bus



shelter mural to schools, community groups, senior citizens and artists. Metro picks up the panels and paint when the mural is completed.
Call (206) 684-1523 for more information.

Other Wastes 9%

Metals 8%

Glass 2%

Other Organics 23%

Wood and Yard Waste 12%

Plastics 13%

## That's A LOT of Waste!

Here are some great ways to cut down on that waste. (And they are great Green Team activities!)

- Plan schoolwide waste-free lunches once every two weeks or once a month.
- Design and paint a bus mural. Paint messages about waste reduction and recycling!

- Participate in **U**se **L**ess **S**tuff Day!
- Label or decorate your recycling bins and make them more obvious to encourage use.
- Try having a 'paperless' day.
- Start a worm bin
- Come up with your own ways to cut down on garbage.

## Starting a Green Team

Here are four ways to get a green team registration/information/start-up kit, and get going....



Call the Green Team at (206) 583-0655 and ask for Rene'.

Fax a request to (206) 382-0669 and be sure to say it's for Green Teams!



E-Mail

Send a request for information to Rene' at ralexander@triangleassociates.com

Write us your Green Team activity plans and send them to:

Green Teams c/o Triangle Associates 811 First Ave, #255 Seattle, WA 98104



